



## CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

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#### (U) CALIFORNIA

##### (U) Redlands – Fires at Redlands Church Thought to Be Arson

(U) A number of small fires set and attempted at First Baptist Church in Redlands are being investigated as arson, authorities say. The fires at the church burned out before they were found on 7 December. The arsonist or arsonists tried at least 10 times to light fires in various places on the church exterior. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is helping Redlands Fire Department investigate, a news release states. They are reviewing area surveillance video to identify anyone who was in the area at the time of the fires. No one was reported injured and damages are estimated at \$2,000.

SOURCE: 8 December 2016, [The Press Enterprise](#)

#### (U) NATIONAL

##### (U) Georgia – CDC Reports Opioid Epidemic Is Getting Worse

(U) Atlanta – The number of deaths from overdoses of illicit opioids rose sharply again in 2015, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced yesterday. "The epidemic of deaths involving opioids continues to worsen," CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden said. "Prescription opioid misuse and use of heroin and illicitly manufactured fentanyl are intertwined and deeply troubling problems." Overdose deaths (9,580) from synthetic opioids, most of them fentanyl related, increased by 73%. Deaths that involved prescription opioids (17,536) rose just 4%, and deaths attributed to heroin (12,990) increased 23% in 2015.

SOURCE: 8 December 2016, [CNN](#)

##### (U) Ohio – Ohio Patrol Seizes Estimated \$1 Million in Methamphetamine from Two Californians

(U) Eaton - The Ohio State Highway Patrol says Ohio troopers seized nearly 27 pounds of methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$1 million during a traffic stop that led to the arrest of two northern California residents. The patrol says the methamphetamine was found with the help of a drug-sniffing dog after the driver was stopped for a turn-signal violation.

SOURCE: 8 December 2016, [SF Gate](#)

#### (U) INTERNATIONAL

##### (U) Egypt – Militant Group Hasn't Claims Bomb Attack

(U) Cairo – A recently emerged militant group called the Hasm Movement claimed responsibility for a bomb attack in Cairo today that killed six policemen. The organization, which has claimed several attacks in Egypt in recent months, made the announcement in an Internet posting.

SOURCE: 9 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

##### (U) Germany – Teens Arrested Over Suspected Extremist Attack Plan

(U) Karlsruhe – Prosecutors say two teenagers have been arrested in Germany on suspicion that they were planning an attack. State prosecutors in Karlsruhe said the two Germans, ages 15 and 17, were arrested yesterday. The two are suspected of trying to procure firearms for a possible attack on an

unidentified public facility in the Aschaffenburg area. Police seized Islamic extremist propaganda, Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) flags and cellphones. SOURCE: 9 December 2016, [ABC News](#)

**(U) Netherlands – Police Arrest Terrorism Suspect**

(U) Rotterdam – Police in Rotterdam arrested a 30-year-old in whose apartment a Kalashnikov AK-47 was found with two full magazines and who is suspected of planning a terrorist attack, Dutch prosecutors said today. Detectives searched the individual's apartment after receiving a tip-off from intelligence agency AIVD and found four boxes of highly explosive illegal fireworks and a large image of the ISIL flag.

SOURCE: 9 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

**(U) Nigeria– Suicide Bombs Kill 30 in Northeast Nigeria**

(U) Madagali – Two female suicide bombers simultaneously blew themselves up at opposite ends of a market selling grains and vegetables in Madagali, Nigeria today, killing at least 30 people and wounding 67. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack, but Boko Haram has been waging a seven-year insurgency in northeast Nigeria that has resulted in the death of thousands of and displaced more than 2 million people. Nigerian security forces liberated Madagali from the control of the Islamist extremist group in early 2015.

SOURCE: 9 December 2016, [Newsweek](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER**

**(U) California – US Border Patrol Seizes a ‘Ton’ of Marijuana from Abandoned Vessel**

(U) San Clemente– US Border Patrol reported on 7 December that agents seized about 2,400 pounds of marijuana from an abandoned boat left at Calafia State Park near San Clemente. Agents did not encounter any people on the boat or the surrounding area. The estimated street value of the marijuana was about \$1.2 million.

SOURCE: 8 December 2016, [SC Times](#)

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